



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

1445 Ross Avenue, Ste 1200  
Dallas, TX 95202

September 25, 2009

Mr. David M. Wessel, President  
United Production Company, Inc.  
210 Baronne St., Ste 1426  
New Orleans, LA 70112

Re: Notice of Federal Interest in a Pollution Incident  
United Production – W Harang (FPN E09617)  
Certified Receipt – 7008 0150 0003 6266 0060

Dear Mr. Wessel:

This letter is to inform you that a pollution incident, more specifically an oil discharge, for which you may be financially responsible, has occurred or threatens to occur at the United Production – W Harang facility, located at Latitude 29.6000° North/Longitude 90.4397° West, in the Valentine Oil and Gas Field (Field ID: 9096), Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. Under federal statutes, the United States Government has an interest in this incident and may take appropriate action to minimize damages which are threatened or which may be caused by this incident.

The discharge of a prohibited quantity of oil or a hazardous substance is a violation of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3). Under this act, the owner or operator of a source may undertake the removal action. If he/she refuses to take adequate removal actions, he/she may be held financially responsible for action taken by the federal government to remove the pollutant and adequately mitigate its effects. A removal is being performed properly if it is done in accordance with federal and state statutes and regulations and in accordance with the criteria of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). If you undertake the removal action, the adequacy of such action shall be evaluated by the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (OSC). The OSC for this incident is Mr. Chris Ruhl.

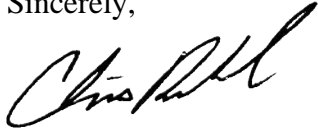
If it is determined that you are not taking prompt and appropriate action to clean up, contain, and remove the pollutant(s), a federal response will be initiated. You may then be held responsible for any additional costs incurred by the Federal Government as set forth in Section 311(f) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(f).

If you require further information concerning this matter, please contact the On-Scene Coordinator within seven working days of receipt of this letter, either by telephone at (214) 665-7356, by email ([ruhl.christopher@epa.gov](mailto:ruhl.christopher@epa.gov)) or in writing at:

FPN E09617

Mr. Chris Ruhl  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator (6SF-RO)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1445 Ross Avenue, Ste 1200  
Dallas, TX 95202

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ruhl", written in a cursive style.

Chris Ruhl  
On-Scene Coordinator